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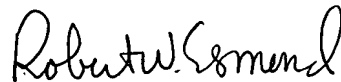
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	AM1	0 304 934 A2	03/01/1989	Europe			Yes ✓ No
	AN1	WO 94/06933	03/31/1994	WIPO			Yes ✓ No
	AO1	WO 96/02666	02/01/1996	WIPO			Yes No
	AP1	WO 97/10505	03/20/1997	WIPO			Yes No

OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)			
	AR	1	International Search Report for PCT/GB00/00315, mailed June 26, 2000.
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